



Chesapeake Bay Stewards Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE TRUST



Outdoor Enthusiasts Have Yet Another Way to Give Back

Partnership with Maryland Department of Natural Resources Establishes Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund

Anglers, boaters, and hunters who purchase their licenses or registrations from the [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) have a new way to contribute to give back to natural resources they enjoy and love. In partnership with the Trust, the department announced a new voluntary option in the online checkout for the [Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Clean Water Fund](#).

Funds generated by the new program will be distributed as grants for on-the-ground conservation and restoration projects that seek to enhance habitat and water quality as well as programs aimed at getting K-12 students outdoors.

“We are thrilled to make stronger connections between the fishing, hunting and

boating communities, and improvement of the resources they enjoy,” Chesapeake Bay Trust Executive Director Jana Davis said. “The evidence is mounting that being outdoors is good for all of us: We want these communities to have an option not just to enjoy their outdoor activities, but the opportunity to take part in restoring and protecting outdoor resources.”

Learn more about this program at www.cbtrust.org/mdoutdoors and see examples of the types of projects funded by this program [here](#).

Read the full announcement [here](#).



Project Highlight: Borough of Chambersburg's Rhodes Drive Reconstruction and Bioretention Basin

Last month, the Trust joined the Borough of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in celebrating the dedication of their Rhodes Drive Reconstruction and Bioretention Basin project, which ensures that a critical emergency services route is safe AND that polluted stormwater runoff is diverted and treated before running into a nearby trout stream.

Funding from the [Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program](#), a partnership between the Trust, U.S. EPA Mid-Atlantic Region, City of Baltimore Office of Sustainability, with support from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, enabled the Borough to enhance an important gray infrastructure project with a bioretention basin, a stormwater best management practice designed to catch and treat the first flush of polluted stormwater, running the full length of the street.

Read more about this project [on our blog](#).

Watch [this short video](#) of Trust senior program officer Jeff Popp discussing his favorite three things about this dynamic project.



Deadline: Applications for 2019 Scholarship & Awards Program due October 15, 2018 at 4 pm

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is seeking applications and nominations for its [2019 Annual Scholarship and Awards Program](#). Launched in 1998, the Trust's Awards Program honors individuals and organizations for their work to promote environmental education, improve local communities, and help restore the natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay region.

The scholarships and awards include two student scholarships (\$5,000); an award for an outstanding environmental education teacher (\$2,500 grant); two awards honoring Trust grantees for standout projects and leadership; and an award celebrating local businesses that go above and beyond for the environment.

The deadline to submit an application or nomination is **October 15, 2018, at 4:00 pm**.

Read descriptions and requirements for each award and apply through the Trust's online application system at www.cbtrust.org/awards.



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AROUND THE BAY

- **Coastal Bays Report Shows Highest Recorded Grade.** Maryland's Coastal Bays have received their highest grade ever reported according to the new 2017 Coastal Bays Report Card from the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, a snapshot assessment on the health and resiliency of the coastal bays surrounding Ocean City and Assateague Island. Learn more in [this article](#) from *The Bay Net*.
- **Fall Foliage.** While peak foliage may be delayed this year, it is a fantastic time for anyone with a camera to capture the scenery. There are many places to photograph the colors on display around Maryland. [This article](#) from *The Baltimore Sun* offers photography tips and tricks, plus the best places to see fall foliage around the state.
- **Oyster Season.** It's officially oyster season in Maryland and parts of Virginia, but the bivalve's status remains in question after a potentially damaging summer of heavy rains. Learn more in [this story](#) from WTOP.

WAYS TO GIVE

Federal, State, and Local Campaigns

Federal, state, and local campaigns are tailored to meet the needs of employees, including U.S. postal workers, state employees, and U.S. military at home and overseas. Visit your human resources department or campaign coordinator to learn how you can give to the Chesapeake Bay Trust through federal and state campaigns.

Monthly Giving

At any level, monthly giving is an easy and efficient way to invest in the Chesapeake Bay's recovery. Your monthly gift will ensure that the Trust can provide everyday citizens with the resources they need to accomplish projects that have a measurable, positive impact on the health of the Chesapeake and its rivers and streams. You can easily start, change, or stop your gift at any time. Sign up to make your monthly gift to the Trust [here](#).

Chesapeake Bay License Plates

Did you know that sales of the Treasure the Chesapeake license plates support our work in Maryland? You can upgrade to a Bay Plate at anytime [online](#), through a [tag agent](#), or in person at the MVA.

ABOUT THE TRUST

The Chesapeake Bay Trust is a nonprofit, grant-making organization dedicated to improving the bays, streams, rivers, forests, parks, and other natural resources of the Chesapeake region through environmental education, community outreach, and local

watershed restoration.

Since 1985, the Trust has awarded more than \$100 million in grants and projects that engage hundreds of thousands of dedicated individuals in efforts that are making a difference for all of our local systems—Chesapeake, Coastal Bays, and Youghiogheny.

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